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WIFE IS NEGRO; MAN
WHITE; PAIR HELD

the woman through a matrimonial correspondence bureau. A brief courtship followed, they were told, and the couple got married.

Charlotte, N. C., News

April 23, 1937

Post
Tuscaloosa Court To Try
Intermarriage Case

Inter - Racial
Marriage Case
Up For Trial

TUSCALOOSA, April 23.—(Special.)—A Hoboken, N. J. white man and a Tuscaloosa Negro woman go on trial at 7 a. m. today in Tuscaloosa Police Court before Judge R. C. Price charged with violating the state law forbidding intermarriage of races.

The man, identified as William L. Detmerming, 52, and the woman, Aaron Brewer, 40, were arrested Wednesday following complaints by Negro residents of Tuscaloosa.

Detmerming said they had been married April 13 in Columbus, Miss., following an acquaintanceship established through a correspondence matrimonial bureau. Detmerming, who denied having any Negro blood in his veins, said he thought the woman was a "French Indian." The Negro protested she knew of no law forbidding intermarriage, although she admitted that she had been advised by "white persons" to go out of the state to marry.

Alabama criminal code provides that on conviction both parties must be imprisoned for not less than two nor more than seven years.

ARREST TWO FOR
MIXED MARRIAGE

White Man, Negro Wife
Held By Police In
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.—Accused of contracting an interracial marriage, a white man and a Negro woman were held Saturday for action by the Tuscaloosa County Grand Jury after defense pleas for a dismissal of the charges were denied in police court on Friday.

The couple who said they were William L. Detmerming, 50 year old white man, and Anna Brewer, 40, described by police as a Negro, were arrested by police after they said they were married in Columbus, Miss., on April 13. A license was introduced as evidence.

Police said Detmerming told them he came here from Hoboken, N. J., after he had become acquainted with

White Man And Negro
Woman Are Charged In
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plaint.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., April 23.—(P)—A white man and a negro woman will go on trial today charged with an inter-racial marriage.

Police Chief Hardin D. Billingsley, who said he was told the couple met through a correspondence matrimonial bureau, said their names are William L. Detmerming, 52-year-old white man, and Aaron Brewer, a 40-year-old negro woman.

Billingsley said the couple told him they were married in Columbus, Miss., April 13, after obtaining a license in Lowndes county, Mississippi. Detmerming, Billingsley said, came here recently from Hoboken, N. J. The woman told the officer she had lived here all her life and owned a home here.

They were arrested on the complaint of negro residents of the section in which they were living.

Billingsley said Detmerming claimed he did not know the woman was a negro, that he thought she was a "French Indian." The woman claimed, the police chief said, she did not know an inter-racial marriage was illegal.

The Alabama code provides from two to seven years' imprisonment for marriage of whites and negroes.

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California

CALIFORNIA CANCELS WHITE

After American 10-30-37 Pasadena, and

GIRL'S MARRIAGE TO CHINESE

LOS ANGELES (ANP)—Because of California's racial integrity law, local officials last week voided the marriage of Harriet Heydrick, 16, and Yuan Chueu-li, 24, assistant to a Chinese diplomat, which occurred in New Mexico on August 9.

"I love Yuan," the girl told investigators. "I'll never love another man. He is kind and gentle and brave. Why can't they leave us alone to work out our problems together as best we may?"

Yuan is a graduate of the California Institute of Technology. Mrs. Jessie Heydrick, the girl's mother, lives in Pasadena.

And Never The Twain Will Meet

Course
So California Annuls White
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Chinese.

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LOS ANGELES, Nov. 4—(ANP)—Because a strict California law forbids intermarriage, a marriage occurring outside the state was voided last week. Harriet Heydrick, 16, white, sobbed, "I love him, why can't they leave us alone to work out our problems together as best we may?"

The girl's relatives were threatened with prosecution for contributing to the delinquency of a minor unless they instituted annulment proceedings. Pasadena police filed a petition to make the girl a ward of the juvenile court.

California Judge Refuses Man's Request To Have Marriage To His White Wife Annulled

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 4—Judge Joseph Vickers denied Friday the annulment plea of Eugene Allen Ware, who contended that his wife, Mrs. Lois A. Ware, "falsely represented that she was a Negro whereas she was a member of the white race."

Ware said he would not have married her had he known she was white and contended annulment should be granted since California bans interracial marriages. The judge ruled that a mixed marriage performed outside the State could not be invalidated by State law. The Wares were married June 2 at Tecate.

The marriage of the girl and the educated Chinese, a graduate of California Institute of Technology, came to the attention of Pasadena police last week. On Monday the girl's mother, Mrs. Jessie Heydrick, Pasadena, and the latter's uncle, Jules Patton, were jailed on suspicion of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Deputy District Attorney Florence Odiorne investigated the case and found the marriage, performed in New Mexico last August 9, apparently legal. Mrs. Heydrick and Patton were released only after they promised to institute annulment proceedings.

"I love Yuan," the girl told investigators. "I'll never love another man. He is kind and gentle and brave. Why can't they leave us alone to work out our problems together as best we may?"

"Harriet did not tell me she was running away to New Mexico to be married," the mother declared. "I thought she was merely going to the beach the day they left. I do not want my daughter married to an Oriental no matter how educated he is."

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Connecticut.

Pretty 18-Year-Old Irish Girl Elop With Colored Lover

Couple Cross Connecticut Line Into Brewster, N. Y.—
Girl's Parents Approved Marriage.

SHELTON, Conn., April 15—(ANP)—Residents of the Naugatuck Valley town were given a thrill last week when it became known that Helen McCarthy, pretty 18-year-old girl of Irish extraction, had eloped and married Stanley Dunbar, a colored youth. The young couple, in order to escape the blood test required of Connecticut, went to Brewster, N. Y., where the ceremony was performed. When their engagement was announced in Shelton early in March, it was thought they would be married here despite the law, but apparently they did not "choose" to risk violation of the statute. The girl's parents, it is reported, have approved the marriage.

Didn't Lie About Color, Wife Says

PUTMAN, Conn. (ANP).
— Mrs. Gertrude Morse Ladd Perkins, 29, this week issued a blanket denial to charges of her husband, Earl Perkins, 30, white machinist, that she concealed the fact that she was colored from him prior to their marriage on May 2, 1936.

The denial, issued through Mrs. Perkins's attorney, stated that she had knowledge of the court action two weeks before it was filed, and that since that time, her counsel has been making a search of the records.

Mrs. Perkins, a former inmate of the Windham County Temporary home, told him lies before their marriage, according to the complaint.

She allegedly said she had no brothers or sisters, was an orphan, her father was a doctor and her mother wealthy, and she had been living with her aunt, Mrs. Edith Cortis, since she was four years old.

Says Mother Colored

But at the time of their marriage, the writ sets forth, her mother and father were living eight miles away, her father, white and her mother and brother, colored.

It states her name is Gertrude Wilson despite the fact that she gave her name as Ladd when married.

Her father is not a doctor, her mother never was wealthy and Mrs. Cortis is not her aunt, the husband charges.

Perkins said he discovered those facts July 1 and immediately left his wife. He consulted an attorney in Norwich and filed suit Tuesday.

Murfreesboro, Tenn., Courier
July 13, 1937

Archeologist Finds Proof That Slaves and Indians Intermarried

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Kingsport, Tenn. Times
July 11, 1937

MARRIAGE INDIANS, WITH NEGRO BARED

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Winchester, Tenn., Herald
September 2, 1937

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Mr. Lewis is in his fourth year of archaeological explorations in Tennessee. He has excavated Indian mounds in 11 Middle and East Tennessee counties: Campbell, Union, Anderson, Jefferson, Roane, Humphreys, Cheatham, Davidson, Hamilton, Rhea and Meigs.

At present Mr. Lewis is conducting an expedition in the Chickamauga Dam area, with headquarters near Blythe's Ferry Landing. One hundred and fifty laborers are furnished him by the Works Progress Administration.

Out of the scores of mounds investigated by the archaeologist, he has removed a thousand Indian skeletons and many thousands of archaeological relics, which will be exhibited in a proposed U. T. Museum.

Mr. Lewis has been aided recently in his work by a \$1000 grant from the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, the oldest scientific organization in the country.

"This society does not ordinarily contribute to work of this nature," he said. "Hence I think this grand indicative of the recognition that has been accorded the work in Tennessee."

The National Research Council has been an annual donor, and the Tennessee Valley Authority has been very cooperative in the work, Mr. Lewis said.

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Indiana.

MIXED COUPLE FREED BY JUDGE

The Record-Herald
Indianapolis
Charles Harrison, 43, 914 Paca street, and his white wife, Mamie, 30, were arrested charged with vagrancy, when police received information that a colored man and a white woman were living together. Investigation disclosed that the couple were married in Danville, Ill., July, 1936, and the wedding ceremony was performed by a Rev. F. H. Brandon. The couple were held when a marriage license produced failed to carry the seal. They had lived in the city since last April. The case was dismissed in Judge Karabell's court.

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DEATH OPENS BLACK-WHITE BATTLE OVER BIG FORTUNE

Planter Who Married Servant Dies as His Relatives Sue

The idyll of love maintained by Arthur W. Frost and his Negro wife, Julia Fredericks, came to an end Thursday, when the 70-year-old sugar king and millionaire descendant of an old Long Island family died at his estate in the Dominican Republic.

Frost married Julia Fredericks, who had been his maid, on March 7, after years spent together on his beautiful estate, Consuelo, at San Pedro de Marcois.

According to information reaching New York, action is being taken in the Dominican Republic to have the marriage set aside and to disinherit Maria Fredericks, daughter of Mrs. Frost by an earlier marriage, whom it is understood is the heiress under the terms of Frosts' will. Julia Fredericks announced she would fight for her rights to the riches.

The marriage between Frost and his Negro housekeeper and the possible loss of his vast wealth to his relatives, so outraged them that they took immediate steps to have him declared mentally unsound, annul the marriage, and have a guardian appointed to take care of Frost and his affairs.

Speaking on behalf of relatives in Boston, California, Westchester, and Long Island, Mrs. Ann Worthley, of Mt. Vernon, a niece of Frost, who brought suit before Justice Salvatore A. Cotillo in Supreme Court, said:

"On March 7, 1936, and for some time prior to that, Julia Fredericks was a colored servant in his home. Taking advantage of his unbalanced mental condition, she induced him to be married to her secretly by a jus-

tice of the peace."

But Frost had something to say and that something does not sound incoherent.

"The only reason my relatives are trying to have me declared incompetent is because of their fear that they will not get my property. They have taken no interest in me in the past. I am not interested in them, and they are not interested in me, except that they hope to obtain my property by this illegal proceeding," asserted Mr. Frost.

Negro, Red-Haired Wife Face Mann Act Charge

NEW YORK, April 22.—(AP)—Characterized by Federal prosecutor Seymour Klein as ringleaders of a "love nest" troupe, a negro and his red-haired Caucasian wife went on trial in Federal court today on an eight-count indictment charging them with white slavery in violation of the Mann act.

Klein said the pair, Leon Richard "Daddy" Smith, alias Hill, and Mrs. Shirley Smith, operated in New York, Boston, Chicago and Atlantic City, and also catered to negroes in Harlem. The girls, he said, are all white.

Earnings of the troupe, the prosecutor declared, averaged about \$500 a week over a number of years, and Smith, as "major domo," rode around in costly automobiles and frequented race tracks.

CUPID CRASHES COLOR LINE



Love knows no barriers. If you doubt this, ask Mr. and Mrs. Paul Norton, above, shown shortly after their marriage in New York last week. Mr. Norton is a white Texan, heir to a rich oil domain. The bride is the former Sara Jeanette Jenkins, law student. The couple met in college. They were married at the home of the bride by the Rev. Dr. Lorenzo King.—Photo by M. & M. Smith studio.

Interracial Marriage Permit Given Couple

For the first time in more than a dozen years, an interracial marriage license was issued in the New Rochelle city clerk's office last week. The license was given to Miss Marie Elizabeth Waters, 23, of 48 Hudson street. New Ro-

chelle, and Nicholas Pirone white, 25, of Bayonne, N. J.

City Clerk Charles U. Combes issued the license on the day that was the thirteenth anniversary of the marriage of Alice Beatrice Jones attractive mulatto, and Leonard Kip Rhinelander, late scion of a wealthy family.

Mayor Harry Scott performed the ceremony on October 14, 1924, and it led to one of the most sensational annulment suits in the history of the Westchester County courts.

According to information garnered by an Amsterdam News reporter, the couple planned to have their wedding ceremony performed by the Rev. Robert T. Washington, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, last Sunday. However, information obtained from the minister's residence late Monday afternoon, emphatically stated that no wedding had been performed by him.

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Washington

GIRL'S MARRIAGE TO NEGRO PROBED

Telegraph
Parents of Delta Palmer, White,
Charged With Perjury by
Seattle Officials

SEATTLE, Feb. 18 (AP).—Police investigation of the marriages of two grammar school girls brought perjury charges tonight against the mother of one, Delta Palmer, who married a 38-year-old Negro garbage dump worker.

Deputy prosecutor Grant C. Calhoun filed the perjury charge against Mrs. Anna Palmer, 50, in connection with Delta's marriage to John Lee Menifield. He charged Mrs. Palmer made an affidavit that Delta was 18 when she obtained a marriage but that school records show she became 14 last month.

He said Delta, held incommunicado by juvenile authorities, told him she was born in 1923.

Menifield and his father-in-law, Charles F. Palmer, 59, were charged with abetting the perjury.

Calhoun then turned to investigation of the reported marriage this month of another 14-year-old Seattle school girl.

From his jail cell the Negro bridegroom defended his Valentine day marriage to the white girl, a grammar school pupil.

"I love her and she loves me," said Menifield. "I don't see why it should concern anyone else."

Delta reiterated her love for the Negro.

While authorities sought information on Delta's marriage, police-woman Nellie Carr reported the marriage of Juanita Binkley, a ward of the superior court, to Ralph Bouk, 19. School records listed Miss Binkley's age as 14.

Mobile, Ala., Press
February 18, 1937

Young White Girl Marries a Negro

By The Associated Press
SEATTLE, Feb. 18.—Marriage of a teen-age white girl to a 38-year-old negro was defended here today by the bride's 50-year-old mother who declared: "Love is all that matters."

Held in jail with the three other principals in the interracial romance, and weeping over difficulties arising since the wedding Sunday, Mrs. Charles F. Palmer said she

and her husband intend to stand by their daughter, Delta and their dusky son-in-law, John Lee Menifield.

Police jailed the bridal couple and the bride's parents yesterday while investigating conflicting reports of Delta's age. No charges have been filed.

MIXED MARRIAGE BILL HITS SOUR NOTE AS WASHINGTON CITIZENS VOICE PROTESTS

Miscegenation Bill Is "Tabled" As Strong Disapproval
Is Hurlled At Senator Who Proposed Measure.

By ARLINE D. ENGLISH

SEATTLE, Wash., Mar. 11.—The Miscegenation Bill that was introduced recently before the State Legislature as a result, it appears, of the marriage of 14-year-old Delta Palmer Menifield to 38-year-old John Menifield, has been

tabled. Strong disapproval was voiced by Negroes, Nordics, Filipinos, representing various organizations throughout the state. Senator Earl Maxwell, who introduced the bill, claimed he was under the impression that the proposed legislation was solely against child marriages since three Seattle girls under 15 years of age have been married to men much older, and all with the consent and approval of their parents. When informed as to the full import of the bill, he promised, and apparently did, withdraw his support. "As a result, it appears that no further effort will be made to force the Bill to a vote," though it was reported out of committee.

At the last session of the State Legislature two years ago the marriage of a Filipino and white girl was used effectively to create interest in an inter-marriage bill, especially because about the same time a Filipino ran rampant cutting and slashing five men as he met them on the street. The Filipino marriage had no connection with the insanity of a fellow countryman, but the reaction of the public was the same as though it had. By prompt and intelligent action on the part of impartial citizens the bill died in committee.

Interesting to note was the editorial by the leading local event, paper, denouncing the bill as unconstitutional saying "that its constitutionality might be doubtful with respect to American citizens of whatever color," but added "Prohibition of inter-racial marriage in this or any other one state would merely drive those determined upon marriage across some convenient border for the ceremony . . . The start of general reform should be without hint of race prejudice. More stringent regulation of license issuance is of first importance."

The Northwest Enterprise struck the key note when the editor wrote, "Senator Maxwell has taken up the torch, and if he were to have his way, he would burn all the bridges of progress that education, sportsmanship, interracial understanding and progressive thinking have thus far carried this state through years of steadfast advancement unblemished by discrimination enactment and unhaltered by Jim-Crow laws . . . With love as old as the world, and marriage, love's goal, a sacred institution upon which the nation is propagated, any law which denies legitimacy to childhood is demoralizing to the people of the State, and any law which is discriminatory in character, is dastardly and derogatory to true American principals."

Seattle Paper Raps Senate Inter-marriage Bill; Hot Editorial Attack Made

SEATTLE, Wash.—(C) — The Northwest Enterprise, only color-liberties and privileges, by what ed paper published in this sec-reasoning, logical, just or Con-tion, is battling against the pro-stitutional right should Senator posed inter-marriage bill sponsor Maxwell or anyone else attempted by Senator Maxwell, known as to legislate the law of love and Senate Bill No. 342. Calling the marriage by inhibitive measures bill "a menace and demoralizing" or otherwise.

the paper says in a first page editorial attack, written by Clarence R. Anderson:

Races Mixed in Slavery
"I want to call to the attention of Senator Maxwell and others of his belief, that when the Negrohood is demoralizing to the people was first brought here from Africa, and placed in slavery, he was which is discriminatory in character, is dastardly and derogatory can. When the emancipation to true American principles.

proclamation freed him, there "Senator Maxwell's proposed were hundreds of thousands of bill, which is Senate Bill No. 342, quadroons, octoroons and mulattoes who had been born of black reason that the Senator does not slave mothers, and out of wedlock. The blood of these children personally represent the interest of all the people of the State, he should be defeated at the next election."

Can't Legislate Love
The bill was inspired by the recent case of a fourteen year old white girl marrying a colored man, after having secured the consent of the girl's parents. . . .
"With these people of a mixed race they belong, when many times observation will not discern? Who has the right to say what the call of the blood shall be? With brown-white people, white-black people, white-brown people, yellow-white people, white-yellow people and various other hues and mixtures, now